

### **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-11 were originally filed in this patent application. In the responses to the Examiner's rejections claims 1, 4, and 7 were amended in an amendment dated 09/15/05. Further, claims 12-14 were added in the same amendment. In the pending office action, claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,050,070 to Chastain *et al.* (hereinafter "Chastain") in view of Brenner *et al.* (hereinafter "Brenner"). No claim was allowed. Claims 1, 4 and 7 have been amended herein. Claims 1-14 are currently pending.